County of Santa Clara

Registrar of Voters

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SAMPLE BALLOT PAMPHLETS FOR THE NOVEMBER 2ND GUBERNATORIAL GENERAL ELECTION IN THE MAIL

Voters in Santa Clara County should receive their Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlets for the November 2nd Gubernatorial General Election in the mail soon. The Registrar of Voters has started mailing Sample Ballot pamphlets to over 770,000 registered voters throughout the county.

Voters who register or re-register by Monday, October 4th will also receive a Sample Ballot pamphlet. Voters who register after that date will be sent a letter with their assigned polling place location. The last day to register to vote for this election is Monday, October 18th.

The Sample Ballot pamphlet is an important resource for voters to help prepare them for the election. It includes:

- Instructions for completing the official ballot
- Information about candidates and measures on the ballot
- A Vote By Mail Application
- The voter's assigned polling place location

Voters are encouraged to review the pamphlets carefully and mark their selections in the Sample Ballot pages, which are located in the center of the pamphlet. Voters should bring the Sample Ballot with them to the polls to help the voting process move quickly.

Santa Clara County provides Sample Ballot pamphlets in English, Chinese, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. Voters can update their language preference by calling toll-free (866) 430-VOTE [8683] or completing a Preferred Language Survey, which is in the pamphlet, or available online at www.sccgov.org.

Detailed information about the state propositions is available in the State's "Official Voter Information Guide" pamphlet. The "Official Voter Information Guide" is prepared by the California Secretary of State's Office and is mailed by the State to households with registered voters. Additional information is also available at www.smartvoter.org, www.easyvoter.org, and www.smartvoter.org, and <a href="https://www.smartvoter.

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Voting by Mail

Voters may choose to vote by mail for this election only or sign up to vote by mail permanently. A Vote by Mail application can be found on the back cover of the Sample Ballot pamphlet.

Voting by mail is an option available to all registered voters. Its popularity has increased in recent years due largely to its convenience. It is an ideal choice for voters who may have difficulty going to the polls on Election Day or anyone who prefers the convenience of casting a ballot from home. Over 67% of Santa Clara County residents who are registered voters are currently signed up to vote by mail.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at:

 Toll Free:
 (866) 430-VOTE [8683]
 Spanish:
 (408) 282-3095

 English:
 (408) 299-VOTE [8683]
 Vietnamese:
 (408) 282-3097

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 (408) 288-9820
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 (408) 282-3086

 Online:
 www.sccvote.org
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 (408) 535-3916

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